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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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SUBJ: RHODESIA: GUERRILLA SITUATION

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1. SUMMARY: TWO RHODESIAN GUERRILLA GROUPS HAVE RECENTLY ISSUED STATEMENTS THREATENING TO KILL CAPTURED (WHITE) RHODESIANS IF GUERRILLAS CAPTURED IN RHODESIA ARE TREATED AS CRIMINALS RATHER THAN AS PRISONERS OF WAR. THREATS COME AGAINST BACKGROUND OF SPREADING GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN RHODESIA.

2. APRIL 3 CAPE TIMES REPORTED FROLIZI SPOKESMAN IN LUSAKA THREATENED TO EXECUTE WHITE RHODESIANS IT MIGHT CAPTURE IF TWO COLOREDS ARRESTED MARCH 30 IN SALISBURY (REF A) WERE NOT TREATED AS PRISONERS OF WAR. FROLIZI CLAIMED FARM OF RHODESIAN KILLED

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MARCH 30 IN WEDZA WAS LOCAL SECURITY AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR AREA. STATEMENT TENDS TO CONFIRM STORY IN APRIL 4 CAPE ARGUS THAT FROLIZI, RATHER THAN ZANU, RESPONSIBLE FOR OPENING NEW FRONT IN KAROI DISTRICT AND THAT FROLIZI GUERRILLAS THEN SPREAD INTO OTHER AREAS, INCLUDING WEDZA. ARGUS ALSO STATES FROLIZI OPERATION UNIQUE IN HAVING PARTICIPATION OF COLOREME SO IN FUTURE. FRANCE' S

ATTITUDE TO NATO, THE EXCLUSION OF NATO FLANK COUNTRIES FROM THE EC, AND THE EC' S LACK OF " THE NECESSARY POLITICAL ETHOS" ALL MADE THIS SO. " IT IS THE NEED FOR COMMON POLITICAL ORIENTATION THAT MAKES THE EUROGROUP WITHIN NATO THE ONLY SERIOUS CANDIDATE AS AN INSTITUTION FOR DEFENSE COLLABORATION AT THE MOMENT."

4. ACCORDING " TIMES", CARRINGTON SAID US BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT STILL USED IN WASHINGTON AS AN ARGUMENT FOR REDUCING US FORCE LEVELS IN EUROPE. " FOR MY PART I HAVE CONSIDERABLE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS ARGUMENT. THE ROOTS OF THE AMERICAN BALANCE OF PAYMENT PROBLEMS LIE IN JAPAN AND CANADA NOT IN EUROPE; AND DEFENSE FINANCES PROBABLY AMOUNT TO NO MORE THAN A TENTH OF THE WHOLE PROBLEM. IN ANY EVENT THE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN EUROPE IS QUITE RIGHTLY MORE CONCERNED WITH AMERICAN INTERESTS AND SECURITY THAN WITH EUROPE' S INTERESTS AND SECURITY."

5. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN AND POUCH FULL TEXT OF CARRINGTON' S SPEECH.

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